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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Trip Report - OXCART SAC Tanker Meeting

1. On 15 December 1962, the following personnel attended a meeting with Major General Russell at SAC Headquarters, Omaha, Nebraska:

Colonel Ledford
Colonel Garry



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The SAC personnel included:

Colonel Ellsworth Powell (DOCR)
Colonel William B. Martensen (DOCO)

The purpose of the meeting was to present the OXCART operational requirement for tanker support.

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2. Colonel Ledford opened the briefing and discussed the reasons for our requirement. presented the detailed briefing and, at the end of the presentation, General Russell reviewed the problem and developed the following points:

a. The number of tankers needed will require a SAC 15 aircraft USAF squadron.

b. Some experience and materiel effort has been expended at Castle.

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c. A SAC Operations study should be developed

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immediately to review the cost of such support, and to determine how best to provide the support requested.

e. The SAC Vice-Commander must be briefed on this requirement.

3. At the conclusion of the briefing, the entire group returned to Colonel Powell's office, since he had been directed to obtain an action officer from the SAC Training Division who was skilled in the KC-135 area. In due time, Lt. Colonel Winifred H. Miebohm (13083A) reported to Colonel Powell and was immediately briefed by [redacted] and [redacted] then proceeded with the detailed operational briefing in order that he might understand the ramifications of the tanker support problem. After approximately three hours discussion the following points were developed:

a. Colonel Miebohm will prepare the SAC operational position of the support requirement. He will report back to Colonel Powell who in turn will report to General Russell.

b. The briefing will consider the following:

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(2) During the period 1 April to 1 September, the training requirement will be met; however, the OXCART operational requirement of 8 tankers could be met by advance notification but if not required, SAC could retain these tankers on ground alert. This could be termed the "phase down period" or "on-call" period.

(3) The immediate training requirement for January to April can be met by Castle tankers.

It is expected that Project Headquarters will receive progress information from AFCIG-5 during the week of 17 December.

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